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- ARNE members in Guayaquil sponsored a public meeting at the building occupied in Guayaquil by the radio station CRE, operated by ARNE. About 150 persons attended this meeting. Among them were Dr. Guillermo MOLINA DeFranc, physician, formerly of the Union Nacional Ecuatoriana (UNE); CANTOS (fau), a Communist typesetter who formerly worked for El Universo; CARRASCO (fau), a native of Loja, now a customs guard; Simon AGUILAR, a cabinet-maker who works for the Coronel Espinoza shop at Calles Chimborazo and Maldonado; Eustacio BERNARDINO, a printer for the firm Reed and Reed; "El Maestro" PIZARRO (fau), a seaman who ships on the 5 DE JULIO and ECUADOR; and many others from suburban zones. Among the Armistas present as members of the audience were Julio SALAZAR, a cell leader in the southern sector of Guayaquil; GUTIERREZ (fau), who has a mechanic shop on Calle Eloy Alfaro in front of the Emelec swimming pool; Nicolas CERRERES, a new candidate; and some five unidentified Armistas who accompanied SALAZAR.
2. The session was directed by Augusto BARREIRO Solorzano, Nicolas VALDANO Raffo, Walter VALDANO Raffo, Jose FAIDUTTI Estrada, and German SILVA. BARREIRO and Nicolas VALDANO gave the principal speeches, explaining the significance of ARNE and outlining the advantages and disadvantages of Communism and "Cefepismo" - the CFP program. The session ended at 11:30 p.m., and those in attendance were invited to another meeting in two weeks. Upon leaving, they were handed copies of the small pamphlet Ideario de ARNE which explains the ARNE political line. They were also advised to purchase a book regarding ARNE (title not reported) which sells for 15 sucres.
 3. One person attending the meeting remarked that he felt that the seating pattern had been carefully arranged so that there were interspersed among the general public numerous ARNE members and sympathizers who effectively stimulated the audience to applaud the various speakers.

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